

GONE OVER TO THE SPANIARD

THE PRESIDENT NOW SEES NO CAUSE FOR INTERVENTION

Captivated by the Conciliatory Terms and Protestations of Friendship in the Answer to Minister Woodford's note, the full text of which was read at yesterday's cabinet meeting, is eminently satisfactory to this government. In it the Spanish ministry pledges itself to correct the abuses of power in Cuba, which was the subject of so much complaint during the Weyler administration, and gives assurance of its friendly feeling toward the American people. It accepts our good offices in its efforts to restore peace in Cuba, and in a perfectly respectful and friendly spirit asks the government, so far as possible, to restrain the insurgents from giving material aid to the enemies of Spain in Cuba. The reply intimates that but for the assistance that has been given them by filibusters from the United States peace would have been restored long ago.

The reply, it is stated, does not contain a sentence that could give offense or be construed into an expression of an unfriendly purpose or feeling against the government of the United States. On the contrary, the note is stated to be distinctly conciliatory in tone, although insisting upon the right and duty of Spain to put down an armed insurrection within its own territory. It is evident that the reply has made a favorable impression upon President McKinley and the members of the cabinet, and it is not unlikely that one of the features of his forthcoming message to congress will be a discussion of the Cuban situation from which it will appear that there is nothing in the situation to justify the present interference on the part of the United States.

Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, has received the following cable message from General Blanco, governor general of Cuba:

"Reconcentrado-Extensive zones of cultivation have been organized, daily rations are provided by the state, work is furnished; they will be well treated and can be employed by the planters; they have free transportation and are protected in every way. Provincial protective committees have been formed and have already entered upon their functions; they will continue being organized in the remaining provinces with the object of procuring the necessary relief. Subscriptions have been set on foot to raise first necessities; everything that is humanly possible is being done."

"Grinding-An edict is published today, not only granting permission to grind sugar, but advising that this be done and offering the necessary military and civil protection. No moment is lost in attending to all immediate needs which form the object of my personal attention. It is impossible to do more than I have done in the time that has elapsed."

Senor Canalejas, one of the foremost public men of Spain, editor of El Heraldico, of Madrid, recently arrived in Washington today, accompanied by Captain Vega and Mr. Alex Saint Aubin, of Madrid. While the visit is unofficial, much interest attaches to it among public men, owing to the feeling of intimate knowledge of recent conditions at the Spanish capital, and also for the facility it affords for conference between him and Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister. The latter called on Senor Canalejas soon after his arrival and the two were together much of the day, being joined later by Mr. Caderon, Spanish consul, and the legation, and by the numerous staff of the minister.

Senor Canalejas accorded to a representative of the Associated Press a brief interview. Having recently returned to his country, he expressed himself as well acquainted with conditions here, but as to those in Madrid he spoke freely.

"The feeling there is one of expectancy," said he, in good English but with marked Spanish accent. "But there is little or no feeling that a serious crisis will presently break out between the United States and Spain; and there is no thought in well informed circles that extreme measures, or a resort to war, will result. On the contrary, the attitude of the Spanish government has given hope of a continuance of the most friendly relations with the United States, and of a satisfactory conclusion of the Cuban conflict. A complete change of policy has resulted from the accession of the liberal ministry, and the aggressive policy executed by General Weyler is now succeeded by the more conciliatory methods of that peaceful soldier, General Blanco. He has but just landed in Cuba, and there is little opportunity thus far to judge of the effect of his administration. He is charged with executing, but we in Madrid who know his high character and the desires of those who send him, feel assured that good results will come from his mission."

"As to the autonomy which Spain now offers to Cuba, it is autonomy of the genuine character, and it is tendered in the sincerest faith. Experience has proved the surest guaranty of restoring peace to Cuba and giving prosperity to the island. In all internal affairs the autonomy now offered will give the Cuban people entire freedom in shaping their own affairs. With such a policy in view, and with General Blanco to put it into execution, there is every assurance that Spain will do all in her power to restore peace and prosperity in Cuba. Moreover, we look with confidence on the success of that policy. We are naturally desirous that our friends in the United States should recognize the complete change of policy which has occurred, and should co-operate with us in having it bring the beneficial results we look for."

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A Receiver Appointed

Macon, Ga., November 10.-A receiver was appointed today for J. R. Friend & Co., wholesale dry goods, in this city. Liabilities about \$50,000; assets not known.

EVANS AT ROCKINGHAM

His Arraignment-Trial to Begin Today. Guarded by Troops-No Demonstration of Violence-Threats to Lynch if Verdict is Not Approved by the People

(Special to The Messenger.)

Rockingham, N. C., November 10.-Court is now in session. Judge McIver presiding. Evans, colored, the alleged assailant of Miss Cole, was brought here on the early morning train under the escort of a detachment of the Governor's Guards, commanded by Captain Crawford. The case was called at the opening of court. The prisoner was in the dock, having been taken through the public square by Deputies Cameron and Watson. No attempt or evidence of desire to interfere with the regular process of law was manifested by the large crowd on the square.

The judge assigned as counsel Messrs. Dockery & Dockery, of Rockingham, and Maxy John, of Laurinburg, for the prisoner. The solicitor is assisted by Messrs. Legrand, Guthrie, Morrison, Settle, Dockery, Shaw & Son and Kelly.

It is the fixed purpose of the people to allow this brute a fair trial-all this too, without the aid or presence of the military company, and should any violence be resorted to it will not be done without sufficient provocation. We are opposed to lynch law, but we are much more opposed to the perpetration of such crimes as provoke the administration of such remedies. In this case, at least, the court will be allowed to prove its efficiency, and we believe it will prove adequate to the occasion.

A venire of 300 jurors has been summoned to be in court tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m., when the court will proceed with the trial.

Again are we forced to endure the presence of the military as such; and while we know many of these men as gentlemen and readily admit them as such, and as citizens would be welcomed as visitors, we are not pleased at their presence on this special mission. As true citizens and good soldiers, they are only doing their duty, and the censure lies elsewhere. We need no soldiers here prior to the final result of the trial, and if the result is not satisfactory and the people are satisfied as to the guilt of Evans, and should determine to take the law in their own hands, the citizen soldiers here would be but poor protection to the criminal.

The Maxton Guards, forty-one strong, a clever, brave and patriotic company of men, arrived tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Evening Edition of News and Observer (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., November 10.-Editor Daniels says that on December 1st the publication of the evening edition of The News and Observer begins.

Daughters of the Confederacy

Baltimore, November 10.-The annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy began in this city this morning and will last for three days. Delegates from 140 chapters in various parts of the country, both north and south, are present, including some of the most distinguished women in both sections.

Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, the president of the association, being unable to be present, Mrs. D. G. Wright, called it to order at 10 o'clock in Lehman's hall, and the following programme was carried out:

Opening prayer, Rev. William M. Dame, D.D.; Address of welcome, Mrs. D. Gladys Wright; Response, Mrs. Augustine T. Smythe; Roll call of chapters; Appointment of credentials committee; Report of the credentials committee; Reading of minutes; Reports from state presidents and chapter presidents (three minutes each) Arkansas, Mrs. C. A. Forney; Alabama, Miss Sallie Jones; California, Mrs. William Pritchard; Florida, Mrs. E. G. Weed; Georgia, Mrs. H. A. Rounsaville; Mississippi, Mrs. Annie W. Duncan; New York, Mrs. T. S. Gailard; North Carolina, Mrs. William M. Parsley; South Carolina, Mrs. Ellison Capers; Texas, Mrs. T. J. Currie; Tennessee, Mrs. S. F. Wilson; Virginia, Mrs. E. H. O'Brien.

The most important event of the day was the admission by acclamation to the organization of the grand division of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Virginia. The division numbers 2,000 women, and is represented by about ninety delegates.

The Georgia delegates arrived in a body after the convention had opened and was warmly received.

Jacksonville Bicycle Races

Jacksonville, Fla., November 10.-Tom Cooper took the honors in the professional events at the bicycle meet at Panama park this afternoon, winning first in the two mile open and second in the one mile open, the only two events that he entered. This was particularly noticeable from the fact that it was the first time that he has defeated Bald in a month. Bald took second place in the two mile open, and got third in the mile open, not touching first at all. Dr. Brown astonished the spectators by beating out all the cracks and winning the mile open, with Cooper a close second. Bob Walworth, of Atlanta, came in for the first in the two mile handicap, and Loughhead second. The attendance at the meet was 2,000, and was the most successful ever held here. Bald rode an exhibition mile, paced by a tandem and triplet in 1:50. In the amateur events, E. W. Peabody, of Chicago, took the honors, winning two events and would probably have won a third had it not been for a spill.

H. B. Hills, of Providence, R. I., was suspended by the League of American Wheelmen racing board just as he was about to go on the track.

One Mile Open-Brown, won; Cooper, second; Bald, third. Time, 2:08.

Two Mile Open-Cooper, won; Bald, second; Gardner, third. Time, 4:13.

Two Mile Handicap-Walworth, (45 yards) won; Loughhead, (scratch) second; Freeman, (150 yards) third. Time, 4:25.

A LIFE FOR A LIFE

A MURDERER PAYS THE PENALTY FOR HIS CRIME

Sam Wright Hanged for the Murder of Lon Carr-The Prisoner Goes to His Death Without Flinching-He Makes an Address to Those Present and Prays Aloud-Death From Strangulation-His Confession-An Immense But Orderly Crowd Present (Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Goldsboro, N. C., November 10.

Sam Wright paid the penalty on the gallows today for the murder of Mr. Lon Carr on the 2nd of October. The execution was private and no one was admitted but newspaper reporters and doctors. The gallows was erected on the east side of the jail inside an enclosure sixteen feet high, to conform to the order of the board of county commissioners.

Although this order had been published and it was generally known that the execution would be private, yet there were 3,000 people from the county, who crowded around the jail enclosure all the morning.

At 11:45 o'clock Sheriff Scott, accompanied by his deputies, went to the cell of Sam Wright and securely pinned his arms behind him. Sheriff Scott led the way out of the jail to the gallows and was followed by Deputy Sheriff Grady leading the prisoner, who ascended the steps of the gallows to the platform with steady steps. When he reached the platform of death he took a seat for a moment in a chair and then arose and said that he had only a few words to say. He commenced by saying:

"I want to say to you older people that you should train up your children in the right manner. Teach them to stay away from the gambling tables and from the barrooms. Whiskey is the cause of my being here today. My father used to give it to me in a toddy and I learned to love it. Teach your children to shun bad company and attend church and Sunday school."

After he had finished talking he turned around and faced the jail. There was a death-like silence for about two minutes, during which time the lips of the prisoner were seen to quiver and his eyes were fixed on space. What his thoughts were during that time no one

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

STATEMENTS OF THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE SEMI-WEEKLY MESSENGER WERE RECENTLY MAILED, AND WHILE A GREAT MANY HAVE RESPONDED, THERE ARE MANY YET IN ARREARS AND WE TRUST THIS REMINDER WILL CAUSE ALL WHO HAVE NEGLECTED THEIR ACCOUNT WITH US TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION. THE DATE ON THE LABEL OF EACH PAPER SHOWS THE TIME TO WHICH THE SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID, AND THE ACCOUNT CAN BE EASILY DETERMINED WITHOUT WAITING FOR A STATEMENT FROM US. A THOROUGH REVISION OF THE LIST WILL BE MADE AT AN EARLY DATE AND ALL DELINQUENTS WILL BE PLACED ON OUR "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE."

will ever know. He turned his gaze heavenward and began to pray as follows:

"Oh, Lord God, my Heavenly Father, will you look down on me with an eye of pity this day. I call on Thee, Oh Lord God, because I know no other name. Will you throw around me in this hour your long arms of protection and guide me safely home? Oh, blessed Father, you have heard me in times when I had my name recorded on the roll book in Heaven, and now while, by my disobedience, I have had my name recorded on the criminal books in the court house in Goldsboro, will you still hear me, and will you guide me from this gallows to death, and from death to judgment, and from judgment to my heavenly home? Oh Lord God, please hear me and save me in heaven. I ask for Christ's sake. Amen."

As soon as he was through praying he sang in a loud voice the words: "My dear mother, don't you grieve after me." This he repeated three times in an old familiar tune.

Rev. Collett, colored, made an earnest petition for mercy in behalf of the prisoner. The latter then said:

"My kind friends: The time has come when I must leave you. I must die in a short while. I feel that I have made peace with God and that I have a home in heaven. Good-bye to you all."

Deputy Sheriff Brodie Scott stepped forward and read the death sentence. The black cap was pulled over his face and the hangman's knot adjusted around his neck. At exactly 12 o'clock the drop fell and with a gurgling hiss from his throat Sam Wright had paid the penalty with his life for the murder of Mr. Lon Carr on the 2nd of October. His neck was not broken. Death resulted from strangulation in exactly eight minutes from the time the drop fell. His pulse ceased beating in six and one-half minutes and he was pronounced dead in eight minutes by Dr. P. C. Hutton, county physician, and Drs. Jones Peacock and Aaron, who were present.

The Goldsboro Rifles were on the scene to keep the crowd at their distance, but further than their services were not needed.

Wright gives the following sketch of his life:

"This is the testimony of a man that

is to be hung November 10, 1897, who has been going by the name of Sam Wright, but that is not my name. My name is Wiley Vaughan. I lived in the state of South Carolina, in Lancaster county, in Pleasant Hill.

"I first left my father at 16 years of age and went to Monroe, N. C. I stayed there a short while and then I went back to my father's. I stayed home a short while and then I left home and went to B. F. Mercineberg's camp in Kershaw county, on the 3 C's. I stayed there about eight months, then I got in a fuss with a man by the name of Peter Laurie. I cut him and then ran away from there.

"I went back home and stayed about six months. I and my brother had a fuss about a girl. I then went and waylaid him on the road and when he and the girl came along the road by me I fired on them.

"After that I left home and went to Blacksburg, S. C. I fell in love with Will Neugen's girl. When Will asked me about this girl I told him she was mine and he said he was going to whip me. I had only two cartridges in my pistol. I went down town and got a box of 32 S. & W. cartridges and loaded my pistol. I went back to the train and called Will to the door. As soon as he came to the door I commenced shooting. I emptied my pistol shooting at him, and reloaded. I hid behind some cars and trees and finally got away and went to Alabama.

"I next stopped on the G. C. & N. railroad between Elberton and Athens, Ga. I had been there about five months when I had a pitched battle with some Madison county boys. I shot several and killed one dead on the spot. I was sharp enough to get away without being arrested and came back to South Carolina. I went to work on a railroad section and stayed there about two months. I then had a row with Bob Dunlap. I shot him and left the state and went back to Georgia. I stayed there until the 9th of August last year, 1896."

He then gives an account of the killing of Mr. Carr.

The Yellow Fever Dying Out

Mobile, Ala., November 10.-Not only was today's report very encouraging, showing but two deaths and three new cases, but the reports of the cant-gate-away club shows there is a general recovery all along the line. There were three new cases and two deaths.

Mobile is resuming its customary appearance; refugees are returning home; business in all lines is reviving, although the effect of the loss during two months and of the expenditures for maintenance elsewhere during that period of the 7,000 people who have left the city will be felt seriously all winter.

Jackson, Miss., November 10.-No new cases of fever were reported to the health board today. Tonight the board issued ordinances to the effect that from and after today all railway trains entering the state of Mississippi will be allowed to stop at their depots in all towns and the inspection of passenger trains by local authorities is ordered discontinued.

New Orleans, November 10.-Very little interest is now being taken in the yellow fever situation; but a few cases and deaths are being daily reported and the people are looking forth to the time when the plague will have ceased to exist. The local health officials failed in their attempt to have the Mississippi board of health raise the quarantine against the city. The majority of deaths reported today are in cases where physicians were called in at the last moment. The record today is six new cases and three deaths.

Montgomery, Ala., November 10.-The official report of the board of health today gives one new case and no deaths.

At Flomation there were three new cases.

Mobile, Ala., November 10.-General reports in the early days of the yellow fever visitation having described Mobile as deserted and her trade and commerce being daily reported to say there has been a good business all the time in the outward commerce.

Memphis, Tenn., November 10.-The yellow fever so far as Memphis is concerned, is a thing of the past. No new or suspicious cases and no deaths have occurred here or in this vicinity since last Sunday, and Memphis can now be said to be free from the pest.

Superintendent Gilles, of the Illinois Central railroad, announces tonight the receipt of telegrams from the Mississippi board of health conveying the information that the state of Mississippi has relaxed its quarantine against Memphis, and passengers may now stop at all points in Mississippi, provided they hold health certificates and provided the local quarantine regulations do not prohibit it. Freight will be resumed in pursuance of this action all through trains on the Illinois Central in and out of Memphis and all day trains on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad will be resumed, beginning today. All other roads are feeling the effects of the release of quarantine restraints and it is thought a day or so will see an entire resumption of business.

One up in Smoke

Middlesboro, Ky., November 10.-The worst calamity that has befallen Middlesboro since the destructive fire which wiped out half of the city seven years ago, occurred today in the total destruction of the Middlesboro foundry and machine works. Fire was discovered in the foundry department at 2 o'clock, and the mammoth plant was burned to the ground in less than two hours. The building was erected at a cost of \$100,000, and was filled with iron working machinery at a cost of nearly \$200,000. No fire protection was provided in the building or vicinity, and nothing could be done toward saving any of the property. The industry was owned and operated by English brothers and had been running for about fourteen months. The loss is felt by all classes in this city, for it is not probable that the works will be rebuilt. The estimated loss is \$500,000; insurance held in London \$100,000.

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OUR GOLD MINES

FORTY FOUR IN ACTIVE OPERATION IN THIS STATE

Death of Dr. Geo. W. Blacknall-John Evans Taken to Rockingham Under Military Escort-Change in Uniform of State Troops-Little Popular Opposition to Educational Qualification for Voters-Immense Cotton Crops on State Farms-Butler and the Free Pass Question

Messenger Bureau.

Raleigh, N. C., November 10.

Of the 212 gold mines in the state, 44 are now reported to be in active operation. Stanley county leads in production. It is ascertained that the actual weight of the biggest nugget ever found in the state, known as the Reed nugget, actually weighed 34 pounds troy. It was weighed by avoirdupois weight.

Dr. George W. Blacknall died at his home here at 5 o'clock this morning, aged 69 years, after two weeks' illness. He was a native of that part of Granville county which is now Vance and was for many years a physician of ability, practicing mainly in Franklin county. He was the manager of the Kittrell hotel, the Yarbrough house at Raleigh and the Atlantic hotel at Morehead, at various times. For four years past he had been in the revenue service under Collector Simmons as general storekeeper and gauger. He was a faithful official and very popular in the office. He was in the same service during President Cleveland's first administration.

Governor Russell today received a telegram that Judge Coble, at Statesville, had decided that L. C. Caldwell is entitled to office as chairman of the railway commission, vice J. W. Wilson. The case now goes to the supreme court. The decision was not unexpected.

W. H. Deaver, of Asheville, who was convicted of embezzlement as a magistrate last week, gets a position as a gauger in the revenue service.

The Governor's Guard left at 2:20 o'clock this morning for Rockingham as a guard for John Evans, the negro charged with rape. A telegram was sent the company at Maxton to be ready for a call this morning to go to Rockingham, and Captain Jones replied that his company would be ready to leave at 9 o'clock. Captain Crawford went in command of the Governor's Guard.

There is to be quite a change in the uniforms of the state guard; the trousers to be dark blue, like the coat; the dress coat to be done away with and the blouse lengthened two inches to replace it; all metal buttons to be no longer used, but buttons of horn, covered by a flap, to take their place; the helmet to be abolished and the present forage cap, stiffened and with a pom-pom, to be used for full dress occasions. The new drill regulations for the manual of arms will be issued the state guard December 1st.

Miss Molander, the Finnish lady, who is to teach "eloyd," or manual work to the blind here, is the greatest teacher in the world of that specialty.

Taxes are said to be paid with remarkable promptness this year.

Senator Butler's declaration that he wants a law enacted against the giving of free passes on railways even to newspapers for advertising, will, no doubt, cause a discussion. The populists have made nothing by their anti-free pass fight save to get themselves laughed at, and Governor Russell is in the same box.

The State Luther League met at Salisbury this morning.

The Biblical Recorder says in a leading editorial that after a careful survey of the field it finds very little opposition in this state to an educational qualification for voters.

Big App, the Georgia humorist, who is a North Carolinian by birth, is now on a lecture tour in this state.

It is said by Superintendent Concure, of the Seaboard Air Line, that he finds the Cumnock coal superior to the Pocahontas for locomotives, in point of economy.

William Westmoreland, wanted for shooting Revenue Officer Worrell at Hillsdale, Va., has been captured in Montgomery county. He is credited with killing five men.

Superintendent Smith, of the penitentiary, says the two convicts (trusties) who made their escape from the building two nights ago, would have ended their terms in about three months. He says this is the class of convicts who escape, and that not five get away a year who are "under the guns," that is, guarded.

Smith got back today from the Roanoke farms, and says there is a sudden and gratifying improvement in the health of the 700 convicts there; so that there are only fifty of the chronic cases and twenty of those with slight attacks, the others being at work this week picking cotton or hauling corn. Smith makes the astonishing statement that "if cotton was 7 1/2 cents I would have made enough to run the state government." He says the cotton crop will be much heavier than was expected, if he can ever get it picked; that on one farm, Caladonia No. 2, there is a solid field of 500 acres not yet touched. Not half the cotton has been picked over the first time. He says no free labor has been employed to pick cotton on these farms, as the people in that section object to it.

Among today's arrivals of attorneys to attend the supreme court are Geo. M. Rose, R. P. Buxton, H. L. Cook, N. A. Sinclair, N. W. Ray, of Fayetteville; Dr. George J. Robinson, of Smithfield; John D. Shaw, Jr., of Laurinburg.

Members of the democratic state committee, which meets here on the 30th instant, say the object is to look over the ground and make a careful review of the situation.

Before Judge Allen as referee at New Bern, an interesting case comes up tomorrow. It is an action against the

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Augusta railways will be held here tomorrow.

Mrs. Albert Watson, who was shot by her husband last month, was today taken to Wake Forest in order that Professor Lanneau may use the X-ray to locate the bullet.

President Alderman, of the university, says the enrollment of students at that institution now reaches 470.

The Base Ball League

Philadelphia, November 10.-The National Base Ball League held a two hours' session this afternoon. The time was wholly consumed in a general discussion of the proposition of the minor leagues for a modification of the drafting rule, which had been favorably recommended to the league by the board of arbitration. No conclusion was reached and the consideration of the subject will be again taken up on Friday morning to which time the meeting adjourned. Tomorrow will be devoted to a carriage drive through Fairmount park and to general sight seeing, which is part of the entertainment provided for the visitors by Messrs. Reach and Rogers, of the Philadelphia club.

The magnates, managers and other visitors, including the newspaper correspondents, were given a banquet at the Hotel Bellevue tonight by the Philadelphia club.

An exchange of players between St. Louis and Philadelphia was settled this morning. It is understood that the Philadelphia club gave to St. Louis Pitcher Taylor, Catcher Clements, Fielder Dowd and "Lave" was for Catcher Douglass, Pitcher Donahue and Shortstop Monte Cross. Another deal which will place Grady and Hartman, of the St. Louis club, with the New York Giants is very likely to go through. Von Der Ahe and Freedman had frequent conferences today, but could not agree upon terms for the transfer of the two men to New York. Another deal on the carpet is an offer to Cincinnati to exchange Dwyer, McCarthy and Miller with Pittsburgh for Pitcher Killen and Fielder Emer Smith.

A Duel Averted

Paris, November 10.-It is stated that a duel between Sir Robert Peel, and Duke de Cretella has been narrowly averted. It is understood that the quarrel was the outcome of an argument over the justification of the imprisonment of Captain Dreyfus, of the French army, who is serving out a sentence of penal imprisonment for selling important military secrets to a foreign government. The duke, who considered himself insulted by certain letters from Sir Robert Peel, came specially from Geneva and sent his seconds, including the famous French amateur swordsman, M. Thomeux, to call upon Peel. The duke's seconds, Sir Robert Peel met the duke's seconds this evening at the Cercle Antiquaire et Littéraire, a well known club in the Rue Valenciennes, and there, based upon misunderstandings and tendered a full apology. The duke's seconds thereupon declared the matter ended.

The Seal Fisheries Conference Meets

Washington, November 10.-The sealing experts representing the United States, England and Canada, assembled at the state department this afternoon. There were present Messrs. Jordan, Thompson and Macoun, of the United States; Foster and Mr. Hamilton were in attendance for the United States and Sir Louis Davies for Canada. The meeting lasted for about an hour and presumably the proceedings were mainly preliminary and designed to outline a plan of procedure. Mr. Hamilton was elected chairman. It was officially stated that the proceedings were secret and that nothing could be given out for publication before the end of the deliberations. Another meeting will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Southern Railway Receivership Case

Macon, Ga., November 10.-In the case of the Dunlap Hardware Company of this city versus the Southern Railway Company, permission was granted the complainants this morning by Judge Emory Speer, of the United States court, to amend their bill. Counsel for the Southern were granted sixty days in which to answer or demur to the amended bill. The suit is brought to show that the Southern railway owns and controls various railway lines in the state of Georgia, contrary to the state constitution and to the detriment of the people thereof by preventing competition in freight rates and otherwise, and petition is made to place defendant company in the hands of a receiver.

Consul General Lee Sails

New York, November 10.-After luncheon at the Lawyers' Club as the guest of R. A. C. Smith, General Fitzhugh Lee, United States consul general at Havana, sailed for his official post by the steamer Segura of the Ward line. He was accompanied to the steamer by several friends. He declined to discuss the Cuban situation and said that he did not know how long he would remain in Cuba.